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GINO BUITO, AN ITALIAN OF A NOBLE NEAPOLITAN FAMILY, WAS BANISHED AFTER WINNING TOO MANY DUELS IN ITALY. HE CAME WEST, SEEKING ADVENTURE...AND FELL INTO THE COMPANY OF THREE MEN WHO RODE ON THE WRONG SIDE OF THE LAW! WHEN BILLY THE KID RODE INTO TOWN, A STORM OF GUNFIRE BROKE... COLT LIGHTNING FLASHED.. AND BILL BONNEY'S GUN SLAMMED THE NEWCOMER TO THE DUST!
ASSASSIN! YOU PESERVE TO DIE... UNGH!
YUH BOUGHT CHIPS IN THE GAME, MISTER... THIS IS THE PAYOFF!
BANG!

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GINO BUITO WAS A MISGUIDED BUT A STUBBORN MAN! HE WAS SHOT.. BUT HE WAS STILL EAGER TO FIGHT!
REVENGE! I WILL AVENGE THIS DISHONOR!
BANG!
CHEE!NNG!

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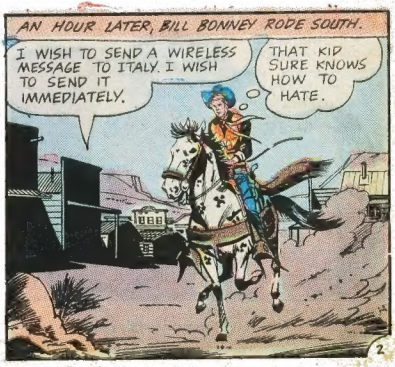
THE LOCAL LAWMAN CAME ON THE RUN... BUT IT WAS ALL OVER!
I GOT WORD THEY JUMPED YUH, BONNEY! J'S THE DUDE URRINER?
I HEARD HE'S FROM ITALY... HIS DAD'S A PRINCE OR A COUNT OR SOMETHIN'!

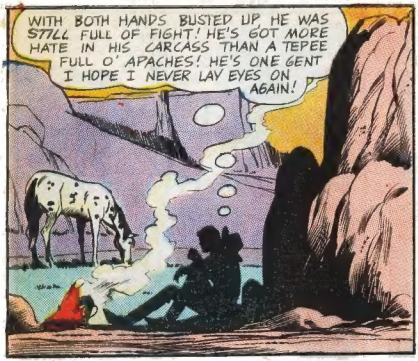
WHY'D YOU COME AFTER ME...I NEVER DID YOU ANY HARM.
MY FRIEN'S TOLD ME ...THEY HEAR YOU PLAN TO ROB MY MONEY. YOU ARE A VER' EVIL MAN.

WHEN YOU TRY TO KILL ME, ASSASSIN YOU BECOME WALKING DEAD MAN! I HAVE FAMILY MANY BROTHERS AND COUSINS. THEY WILL NEVER SLEEP UNTIL YOU PAY FOR THIS EVIL THING YOU DO.

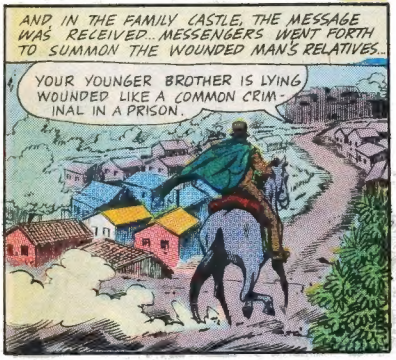
I'LL PAY FOR THE BURYIN' OF THE GUNSLINGER... AND I'LL PAY THE SAWBONES TO FIX UP THIS BOY.
YOU DON'T HAVE TO, BONNEY.

THE BABY-FACED COWARD TRIES TO BUY ME OFF.. BUT HE CANNOT! MY FAMILY WILL AVENGE THIS DISHONOR.
I'M GETTIN' LESS SORRY I SHOT YUH EVERY TIME YUH OPEN YORE MOUTH!


AN HOUR LATER, BILL BONNEY RODE SOUTH.
I WISH TO SEND A WIRELESS MESSAGE TO ITALY. I WISH TO SEND IT IMMEDIATELY.
THAT KID SURE KNOWS HOW TO HATE.


WITH BOTH HANDS BUSTED UP, HE WAS STILL FULL OF FIGHT! HE'S GOT MORE HATE IN HIS CARCASS THAN A TEPEE FULL O' APACHES! HE'S ONE GENT I HOPE I NEVER LAY EYES ON AGAIN!

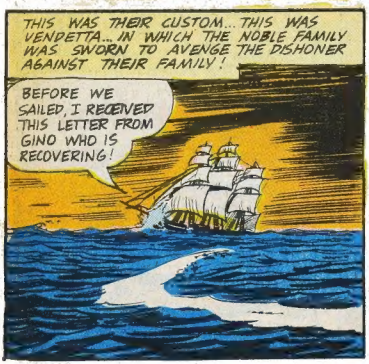
BUT EVEN AS WILLIAM H. BONNEY WAS WISHING FERVENTLY NEVER TO SEE GINO BUITO AGAIN, THE WIRELESS WAS FLASHING WORD ACROSS THE OCEAN...
CLICK-CLICK-
CLICK-CLICK!


AND IN THE FAMILY CASTLE, THE MESSAGE WAS RECEIVED...MESSENGERS WENT FORTH TO SUMMON THE WOUNDED MAN'S RELATIVES.
YOUR YOUNGER BROTHER IS LYING WOUNDED LIKE A COMMON CRIMINAL IN A PRISON.

STEFANO, YOU AND PASQUALE WILL GO THERE BY FAST CLIPPER AND GET YOUR BROTHER RELEASED
WE WILL DO MORE, PAPA.

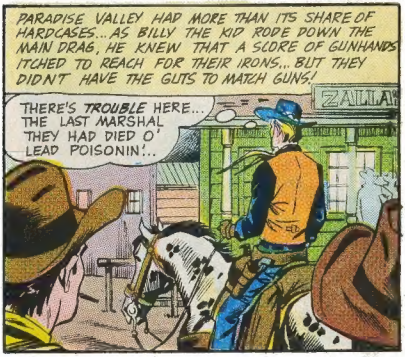
WE WILL FIND THE ASSASSIN WHO ATTEMPTED TO MURDER HIM AND EXECUTE HIM FOR HIS CRIME AGAINST US!

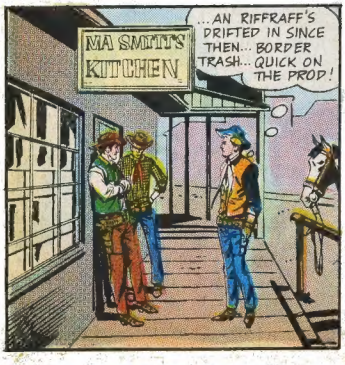
I TOO WILL GO! GINO IS MY TWIN BROTHER... WHO INJURES HIM MUST ANSWER TO ME!

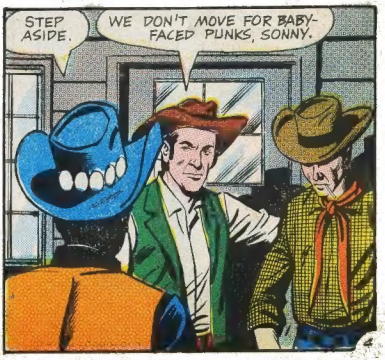

THIS WAS THEIR CUSTOM... THIS WAS VENDETTA... IN WHICH THE NOBLE FAMILY WAS SWORN TO AVENGE THE DISHONER AGAINST THEIR FAMILY!
BEFORE WE SAILED, I RECEIVED THIS LETTER FROM GINO WHO IS RECOVERING!

WHAT DOES HE SAY, STEFANO?
HE ADVISES US TO MAKE HASTE. THE SCOUNDREL WHO WOUNDED HIM, THEN SHOT HIM A SECOND TIME IN COLD BLOOD...

IT IS IRONIC THAT SUCH A SCOUNDREL SHOULD LIVE IN A PLACE WITH SUCH A LOVELY NAME AS PARADISE VALLEY. WE WILL FIND HIM THERE... AND MAKE HIM PAY!


PARADISE VALLEY HAD MORE THAN ITS SHARE OF HARDCASES... AS BILLY THE KID RODE DOWN THE MAIN DRAG, HE KNEW THAT A SCORE OF GUNHANDS ITCHED TO REACH FOR THEIR IRONS... BUT THEY DIDN'T HAVE THE GUTS TO MATCH GUNS.
THERE'S TROUBLE HERE... THE LAST MARSHAL THEY HAD DIED O' LEAD POISONIN'...


MA SMITT'S KITCHEN
...AN RIFFRAFF'S DRIFTED IN SINCE THEN... BORDER TRASH... QUICK ON THE PROD!


STEP ASIDE.
WE DON'T MOVE FOR BABY-FACED PUNKS, SONNY.

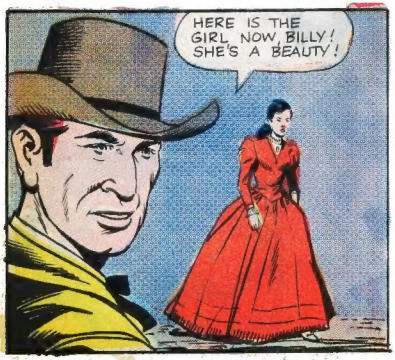
BEAT IT, SONNY.
YOU GOIN' TO MOVE OR NOT?
I'LL BREAK YER HEAD!
LEMME BUST 'IM WIT' THIS!
BILLY THE KID, SMALL AS HE WAS PACKED A MIGHTY WALLOP..
I'LL FIX THE BABY-FACED RUNT!
THUP!
SPLAAT!
I COULD'VE WARNED THEM FOOLS BUT I FIGURED NATURE WOULD TAKE ITS COURSE.
I HOPE THEY WERE-N'T REAL GOOD CUSTOMERS, MA...

BILLY THE KID WAS HERE FOR AWHILE. HE HAD FRIENDS IN PARADISE VALLEY... IF HE HAD ENEMIES, HE KNEW THEM...
STRANGERS ARRIVED ON THE STAGE... A REAL GOOD-LOOKIN' FILLY... FOREIGNER BY THE WAY SHE'S DRESSED.
A NICE FILLY'S ALWAYS WELCOME IN THESE PARTS.

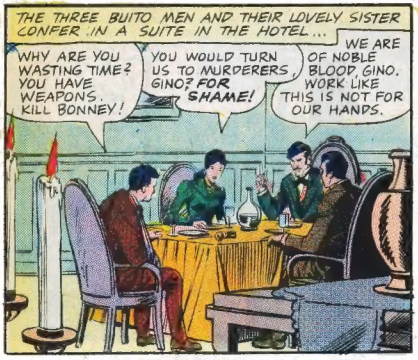
THE "FILLY," MARIA BUITO, WAS AT THAT MOMENT WATCHING BILL BONNEY, HER BROTHER, GINO RELEASED ON BAIL IN HIS BROTHERS' CUSTODY, POINTED HIM OUT.
HE SHOT YOU, GINO? HE'S ONLY A BOY!

THE DEADLIEST ASSASSIN IN THE WEST, SISTER
HE DOES NOT SEEM EVIL, GINO. ARE YOU SURE HE...?

HE IS EVIL, I SAY! MORE QUICK THAN A STRIKING SERPENT ...AS COLD-BLOODED AS DEATH ITSELF!
GINO!.. WAIT HERE IN THE SHADOWS...

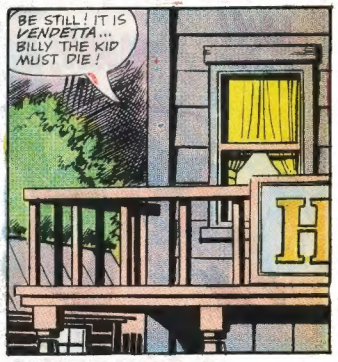

HERE IS THE GIRL NOW, BILLY! SHE'S A BEAUTY!

SHE'S A KNOCK-OUT... BUT SHE LOOKS FAMILIAR! IT'S AS IF I KNEW HER FROM SOMEWHERE BEFORE!


THE THREE BUITO MEN AND THEIR LOVELY SISTER CONFER IN A SUITE IN THE HOTEL...
WHY ARE YOU WASTING TIME? YOU HAVE WEAPONS. KILL BONNEY!
YOU WOULD TURN US TO MURDERERS, GINO? FOR SHAME!
WE ARE OF NOBLE BLOOD, GINO. WORK LIKE THIS IS NOT FOR OUR HANDS.

THERE ARE GUNMEN IN THIS COMMUNITY. WE HAVE GOLD. I WILL HIRE SOME OF THESE MEN TO DO THE JOB.

HOLD THE GIRL, PASQUALE. A WOMAN DOES NOT KNOW HOW MATTERS OF THIS KIND ARE HANDLED
YOU ARE COWARDS! MURDERERS!


BE STILL! IT IS VENDETTA... BILLY THE KID MUST DIE!

FOUR MURDERERS WEREN'T HARD TO FIND...THEIR PRICE WAS HIGH... ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS A MAN... BUT THEIR LEADER EXPLAINED THIS EASILY.
ANYONE TRYIN' TO BUSHWACK BILLY THE KID GOT TO EXPECT HE MIGHT GET KILLED TRYIN'! ME, I WOULDN'T TOUCH IT FOR LESS THAN A THOUSAND.
HERE'S HALF NOW ...THE REST WHEN BONNEY DIES!
IF HE DIES, MISTER.

THEIR BUSHWHACK PLAN WAS SIMPLE BILLY THE KID WAS IN THE ROYAL CAFE... ONE MURDERER WATCHED HIM THERE AND WOULD FOLLOW HIM OUT. THE OTHER THREE WERE HIDDEN IN THE DARKENED STREET OUTSIDE..
G'NIGHT, BILLY, YA BEAT ME AT DOMINOS AGAIN BUT ONE O' THESE DAYS I'LL WIN!

AS THE SWINGING DOORS SWUNG CLOSED BEHIND HIM, BILLY THE KID SENSED THE PRESENCE OF A MAN STANDING QUIETLY AND HE KNEW OTHERS WAITED.
THE MAN BEHIND ME JUST DREW HIS IRON! WHEN I MAKE MY MOVE THEY'LL OPEN FIRE! GOT TO DO IT...

NOW!
BLAM!

HOLD YER FIRE, YA DUMMIES! I'M... UNGH!

BONNEY AIMED HIS SHOTS... AND TWO MEN DROPPED! HE SAW THE THIRD.. HE COULD'VE KILLED HIM... BUT HE HAD TO KNOW WHO HAD HIRED THEM... SO HE HELD HIS FIRE!
HOLD IT BONNEY! I GIVE UP.. I'M THE ONLY ONE LEFT!
COME OUT SLOW WITH YORE HANDS UP!
BANG! BANG!

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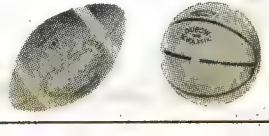
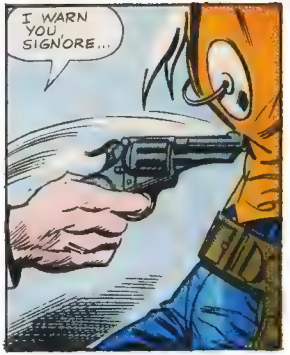


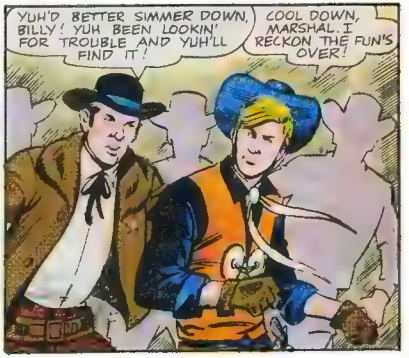
A CHALLENGE TO DIE!
ONE SURVIVOR OF THE AMBUSH WALKED TOWARD BILLY THE KID.. A MAN WHO KNEW BONNEY'S ENEMY.. A MAN ANXIOUS TO TELL WHAT HE KNEW IN EXCHANGE FOR HIS LIFE! BUT HIS LIFE WASN'T SPARED.. DEATH CAME FROM THE DARKNESS... AND WHAT HE KNEW DIED WITH HIM!
DON'T KILL ME, BILLY! I'LL GIVE YA THE NAME OF TH...
DIRTY BACK-SHOOTIN' BUZZARD!
BANG!
NOTHING MOVED. ONLY DEATH AND WILLIAM H. BONNEY STALKED THAT DARK STREET.
HIRED KILLERS... BUT THEY CAN'T TALK!
SEE HOW HE STANDS ALONE A BRAVE MAN! MY BROTHERS ARE COWARDS TO TRY TO KILL HIM IN THIS MANNER.

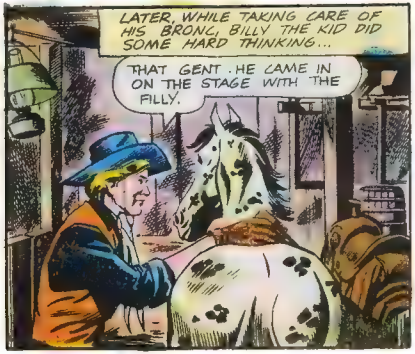
IT IS EASY FOR YOU, MARIA. YOU ARE A WOMAN. YOU ARE NOT EXPECTED TO FIGHT THIS ANIMAL!
YOU ARE SUPPOSED TO BE A GENTLEMAN. MEN OF GOOD BIRTH DO NOT ACT IN THIS MANNER
BE STILL. YOU ARE LIKE A SCHOOLGIRL. LEAVE THESE MATTERS IN OUR HANDS.
BONNEY QUICKLY SEARCHED THE FIRST MAN'S POCKETS HE FOUND THE BILLS QUICKLY... A LOT OF MONEY FOR SCUM LIKE THIS ONE TO HAVE
SINCE WHEN HAVE YOU BEEN A ROBBER OF THE DEAD BONNEY?
HE CAN'T TALK BUT HIS MONEY TELLS A STORY.
THIS IS NEW MONEY. NOBODY IN THIS TOWN WOULD HAVE UNUSED CURRENCY IN HIS...
THE FURRINER IS RIGHT, BONNEY, GIVE ME THE DINERO ...I'LL SEE THE PROPER PEOPLE GIT IT
IF YUH'RE GOIN TO BE AROUND LONG, STAY OUTA MY BUSINESS
DO NOT SPEAK TO ME IN THIS TONE. I AM A GENTLEMAN.

YOU MAY BE A BIG CHEESE WHERE YOU COME FROM, MISTER. BUT I CAST A MIGHTY LONG SHADOW MYSELF HERE-ABOUTS. NOW... I'LL ASK REAL NICE, DID YOU HAVE ANYTHING TO DO WITH THIS CROWD BUSHWHACKIN' ME?
TAKE YOUR HANDS OFF ME!


I WARN YOU, SIGNORE...

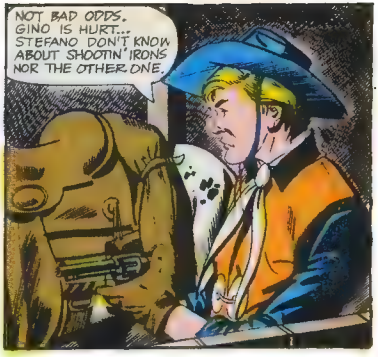
I WILL KILL Y... OOOOFFF!!
SHUT YORE FACE!
PAFF!!
BLAM!

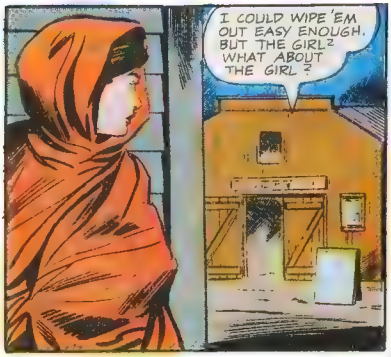

YUH'D BETTER SIMMER DOWN, BILLY! YUH BEEN LOOKIN' FOR TROUBLE AND YUH'LL FIND IT!
COOL DOWN, MARSHAL. I RECKON THE FUN'S OVER!


LATER, WHILE TAKING CARE OF HIS BRONC, BILLY THE KID DID SOME HARD THINKING...
THAT GENT . HE CAME IN ON THE STAGE WITH THE FILLY.

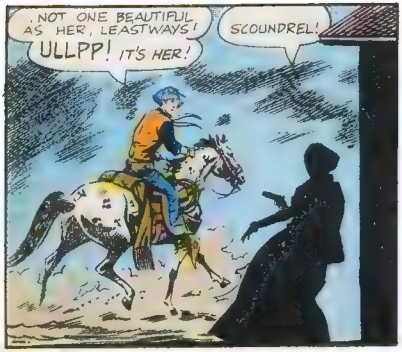
THERE'S A PASSEL OF FURRINERS IN THESE PARTS LATELY! TWO MONTHS OR SO BACK I HAD A RUN-IN WITH THAT FELLA, GINO SOMETHIN' OR OTHER! WAIT A MINUTE'... THE GIRL...SHE LOOKS LIKE HIM! AND THE GALOOT I SOCKED TONIGHT . MUST BE HIS BROTHER!

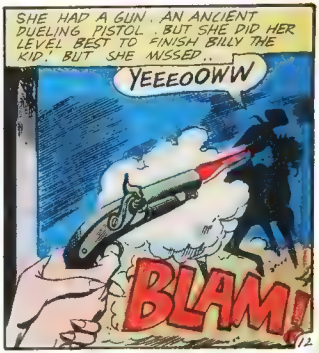
THE KID, GINO...HE GOT MIXED UP WITH A BAD CROWD..NOW, HIS FAMILY IS HERE...LOOKIN' TUH GIT EVEN!

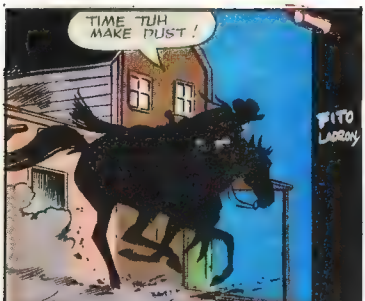

NOT BAD ODDS. GINO IS HURT... STEFANO DON'T KNOW ABOUT SHOOTIN' IRONS NOR THE OTHER ONE.

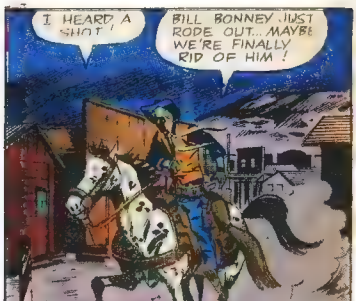

I COULD WIPE 'EM OUT EASY ENOUGH. BUT THE GIRL? WHAT ABOUT THE GIRL?

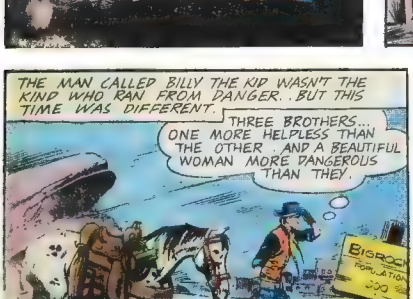
YUH CAN'T MAKE WAR ON A WOMAN..

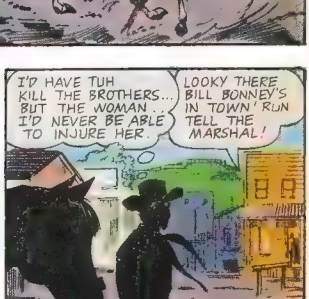

NOT ONE BEAUTIFUL AS HER, LEASTWAYS! ULLPP! IT'S HER! SCOUNDREL!


SHE HAD A GUN, AN ANCIENT DUELING PISTOL, BUT SHE DID HER LEVEL BEST TO FINISH BILLY THE KID, BUT SHE MISSED.. YEEEOOWW BLAM!


TIME TUH MAKE DUST!
FITO LADRON

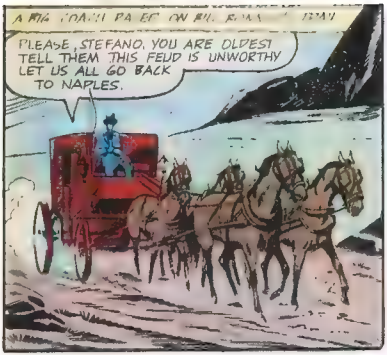

I HEARD A SHOT!
BILL BONNEY JUST RODE OUT.. MAYBE WE'RE FINALLY RID OF HIM!

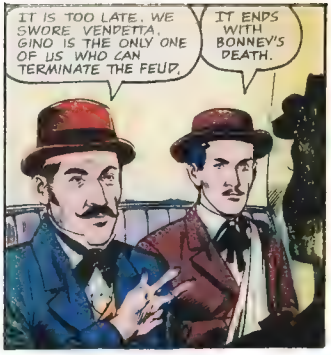

THE MAN CALLED BILLY THE KID WASN'T THE KIND WHO RAN FROM DANGER. BUT THIS TIME WAS DIFFERENT.
THREE BROTHERS... ONE MORE HELPLESS THAN THE OTHER. AND A BEAUTIFUL WOMAN MORE DANGEROUS THAN THEY.
BIGROCK POPULATION 300


I'D HAVE TUH KILL THE BROTHERS... BUT THE WOMAN... I'D NEVER BE ABLE TO INJURE HER.
LOOKY THERE BILL BONNEY'S IN TOWN! RUN TELL THE MARSHAL!

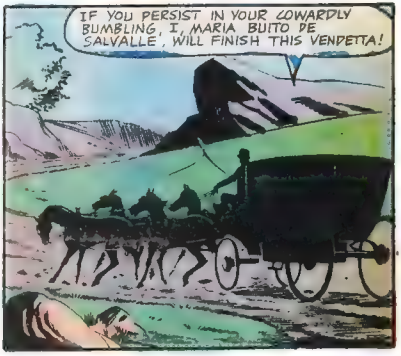
MARSHAL'S OUT AT HILLYER'S POND FISHIN', GRANDPAW.
HUSH, BOY. HOWDY, BILLY
'LO, DAD.

YUH WATCHIN' YOUR BACK TRAIL, BILLY THE LAW AFTER YOU AT LAST?
NO OLD TIMER SOME PEOPLE WHO WANT TO KILL ME.. THEY WON'T QUIT AND I DON'T WANT TO FIGHT THEM


A BIG COACH RACES ON BILL BONNEY'S TRAIL
PLEASE, STEFANO, YOU ARE OLDEST TELL THEM THIS FEUD IS UNWORTHY LET US ALL GO BACK TO NAPLES.

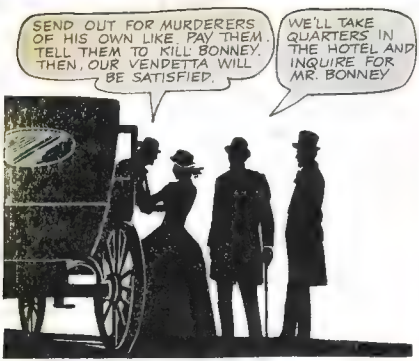

IT IS TOO LATE. WE SWORE VENDETTA. GINO IS THE ONLY ONE OF US WHO CAN TERMINATE THE FEUD.
IT ENDS WITH BONNEY'S DEATH.

ALL MY LIFE I HAVE BEEN PROUD OF BEING A BUITO. NOW I AM ASHAMED

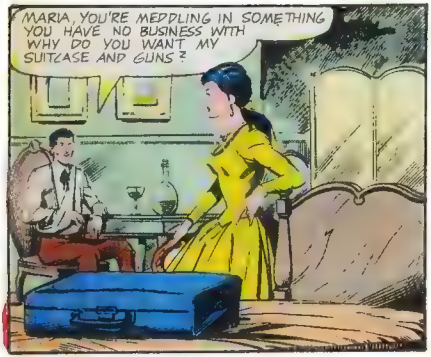

IF YOU PERSIST IN YOUR COWARDLY BUMBLING, I, MARIA BUITO DE SALVALLE, WILL FINISH THIS VENDETTA!

BUT I WILL DO THE THING HONORABLY!

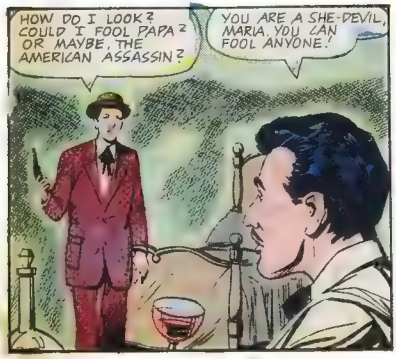
HIDDEN FROM THE FEUDISTS BILL BONNEY WATCHED. A FORETELLING OF DOOM IN HIS HEART
I COULD GO OUT THERE... CALL THEM OUT OF THEIR FANCY WAGON... AND SHOOT 'EM DOWN!
ALL BUT THE GIRL!

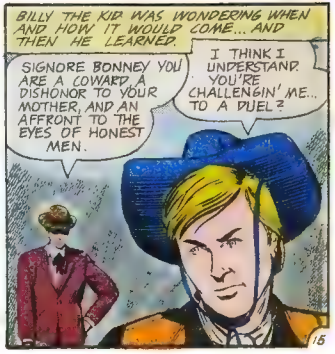

SEND OUT FOR MURDERERS OF HIS OWN LIKE. PAY THEM. TELL THEM TO KILL BONNEY. THEN, OUR VENDETTA WILL BE SATISFIED.
WE'LL TAKE QUARTERS IN THE HOTEL AND INQUIRE FOR MR. BONNEY

NO. ALL OF YOU LET ME TRY IT MY WAY THIS TIME.


MARIA, YOU'RE MEDDLING IN SOMETHING YOU HAVE NO BUSINESS WITH WHY DO YOU WANT MY SUITCASE AND GUNS?

WE'RE NOT CHILDREN NOW, MARIA. ONCE YOU ENJOYED DRESSING LIKE ME TO FOOL PAPA BUT NOW...
NOW, THERE IS A PRACTICAL REASON, GINO.


HOW DO I LOOK? COULD I FOOL PAPA? OR MAYBE, THE AMERICAN ASSASSIN?
YOU ARE A SHE-DEVIL, MARIA. YOU CAN FOOL ANYONE!


BILLY THE KID WAS WONDERING WHEN AND HOW IT WOULD COME... AND THEN HE LEARNED.
SIGNORE BONNEY YOU ARE A COWARD A DISHONOR TO YOUR MOTHER, AND AN AFFRONT TO THE EYES OF HONEST MEN.
I THINK I UNDERSTAND. YOU'RE CHALLENGIN' ME... TO A DUEL?

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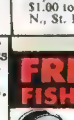

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WHAT'S TUH KEEP ME FROM GUNNIN' YOU DOWN AT THE COUNT OF TWO?
I BEGIN TO COUNT
ONE!
WAIT A MINUTE! SOMETHIN'S WRONG HERE!
TWO!
BEFORE YOU DIE SIGNORE BONNEY I WISH YOU TO KNOW WHO WAS YOUR EXECUTOR!
HIS SISTER!
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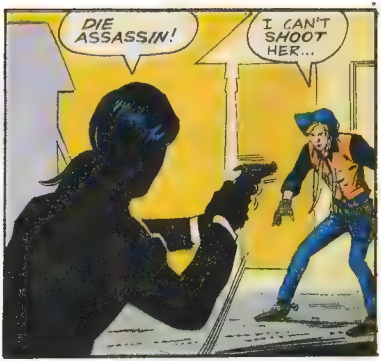
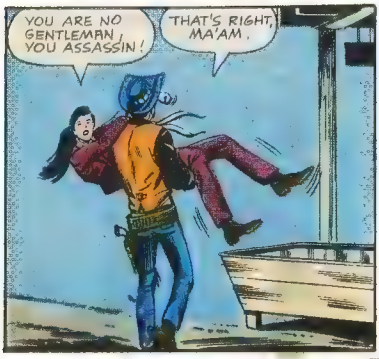
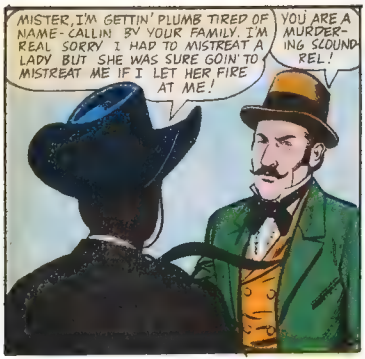
THREE!


DIE ASSASSIN!
I CAN'T SHOOT HER...

LET ME GO, YOU BEAST!
I'M A ROTTEN GUY, MA'AM!


YOU ARE NO GENTLEMAN, YOU ASSASSIN!
THAT'S RIGHT, MA'AM.

COOL OFF, LADY!
PEASANT! I SHALL THRASH YOU FOR THIS.
SPLASH!


MISTER, I'M GETTIN' PLUMB TIRED OF NAME-CALLIN BY YOUR FAMILY. I'M REAL SORRY I HAD TO MISTREAT A LADY BUT SHE WAS SURE GOIN' TO MISTREAT ME IF I LET HER FIRE AT ME!
YOU ARE A MURDERING SCOUNDREL!

I HAVE A PISTOL. YOU HAVE A PISTOL. ONE OF US WILL DIE!
NOW ISN'T THE TIME FOR ME, MISTER. I RECKON I'LL AMBLE ALONG.
CLICK CLICK

YOU COWARDLY DOG! YOU CANNOT ESCAPE THIS EASILY!
I'M NOT GOIN' FOR MY IRON, BUITO!

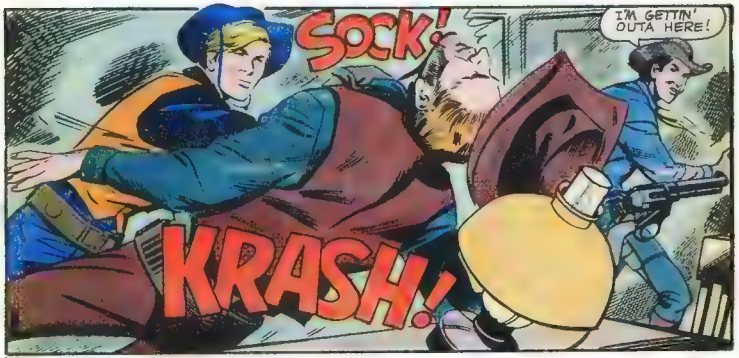
GO DOWN ON YOUR KNEES, PEASANT! YOU WILL BE... AAAAHH!
STEFANO GET OUT OF THE WAY!

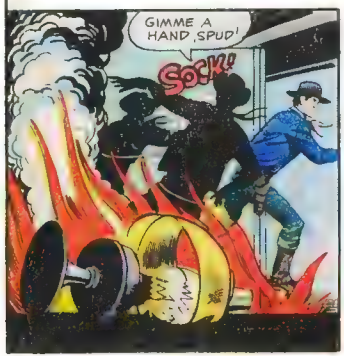
STEFANO FALL TO THE GROUND!

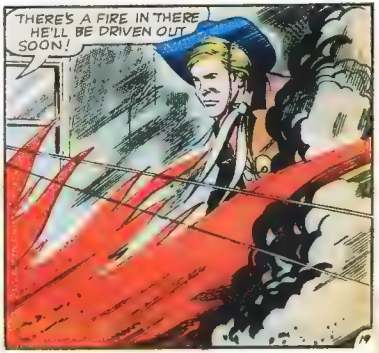
THE SECOND BILLY THE KID RELEASED HIS MAN. THE BULLETS CAME! THESE WEREN'T FIRED BY THE BUITO FAMILY... THESE WERE FROM ANOTHER QUARTER!
YA DIE THIS TIME, BONNEY!
THAT HOARSE VOICE... IT'S THE DILWORTH GANG!

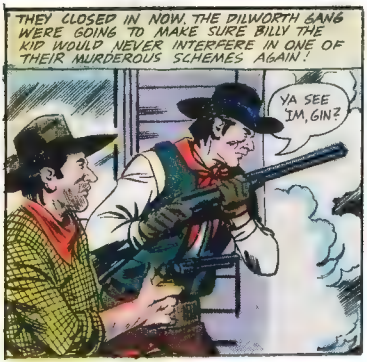
IT WAS BAD... HE'D NEVER FACED ODDS LIKE THIS BEFORE! THE BUITO FAMILY, SWORN TO DESTROY HIM, POURED LEAD... AND GRAVELLY VOICED SAM DUWORTH'S KILLERS PID THEIR BEST TO BRING HIM DOWN FROM THE OTHER SIDE OF THE STREET!

I CAN'T MI... HE'S NUTS!
BLAM


SOCK!
I'M GETTIN' OUTA HERE!
KRASH!

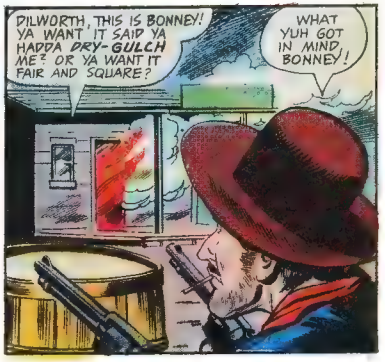

GIMME A HAND, SPUD!
SOCK!


THERE'S A FIRE IN THERE HE'LL BE DRIVEN OUT SOON!

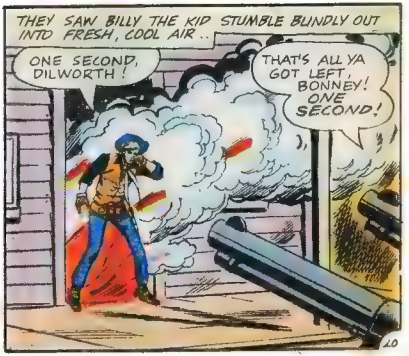

THEY CLOSED IN NOW. THE DILWORTH GANG WERE GOING TO MAKE SURE BILLY THE KID WOULD NEVER INTERFERE IN ONE OF THEIR MURDEROUS SCHEMES AGAIN!
YA SEE 'IM, GIN?

YA FOOL... NEVER GIVE BILLY THE KID A CLEAR SHOT AT YA!
BLAM!

IF I JUST RUN OUT THERE, THEY'LL DROP ME! I'VE GOT TO THINK... CAN'T JUST GIVE UP NOW!

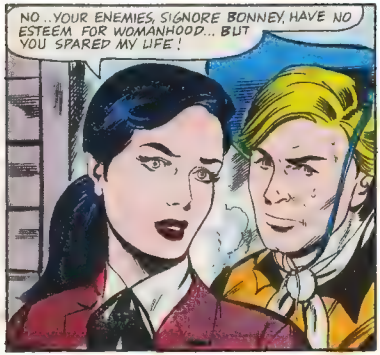

DILWORTH, THIS IS BONNEY! YA WANT IT SAID YA HADDA DRY-GULCH ME? OR YA WANT IT FAIR AND SQUARE?
WHAT YUH GOT IN MIND, BONNEY!

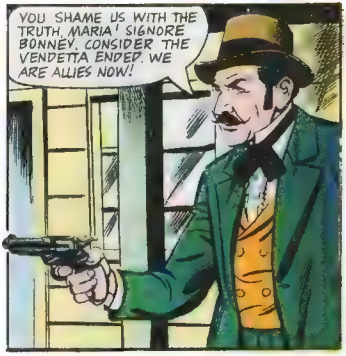
I'LL COME OUT WITH MY IRON IN THE LEATHER! WE SHOOT IT OUT OUTSIDE! GIMME A MINUTE, THOUGH... I'VE GOT SO MUCH SMOKE IN MY EYES I CAN'T SEE.
IT'S A DEAL, BONNEY!

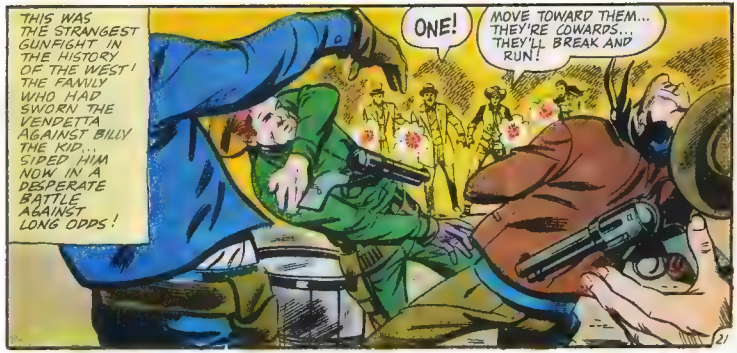

THEY SAW BILLY THE KID STUMBLE BLINDLY OUT INTO FRESH, COOL AIR..
ONE SECOND, DILWORTH!
THAT'S ALL YA GOT LEFT, BONNEY! ONE SECOND!

YA HAD THIS COMIN' A LONG TIME, BONNEY!
WAIT!

I WILL NOT LET YOU DIE ALONE SIGNORE!
BETTER GET AWAY FROM ME, MISS! THEY'RE BAD...


NO..YOUR ENEMIES, SIGNORE BONNEY, HAVE NO ESTEEM FOR WOMANHOOD... BUT YOU SPARED MY LIFE!


YOU SHAME US WITH THE TRUTH, MARIA! SIGNORE BONNEY, CONSIDER THE VENDETTA ENDED. WE ARE ALLIES NOW!


THIS WAS THE STRANGEST GUNFIGHT IN THE HISTORY OF THE WEST! THE FAMILY WHO HAD SWORN THE VENDETTA AGAINST BILLY THE KID... SIDED HIM NOW IN A DESPERATE BATTLE AGAINST LONG ODDS!
ONE!
MOVE TOWARD THEM... THEY'RE COWARDS... THEY'LL BREAK AND RUN!

BUT SAM DILWORTH WAS MAKING SURE WITH HIS NEXT SHOT ! HE STEADIED THE RIFLE .. PUT THE BEAD ON BILLY THE KID'S HEART .. STARTED TO SQUEEZE THE TRIGGER.
TURN AROUND DILWORTH !
BUITO ² KEEP CLEAR .. I'M DOIN' THE JOB YA PAID ME FOR !
I HAVE CHANGED MY MIND LET BONNEY LIVE.
BILLY THE KID SAW THE LAST ACT IN THIS DEADLY DRAMA ! DILWORTH STARTED TO FIRE . . BUT THE HIDDEN DERRINGER IN GINO BUITO'S INJURED FIST HAMMERED HIM INTO OBLIVION !
WATCH IT, GINO!
BLAM
BLAM!
THANKS, GINO . . YUH SAVED MY LIFE ! I THOUGHT YOU AND YOUR KIN WERE OUT TO GET ME ! YOU HIRED DILWORTH DIDN'T YOU ²
SI, SIGNORE BONNEY . . I WAS A FOOL ! NOW, I BEG FORGIVENESS . . FROM YOU AND MY FAMILY TO WHOM I BROUGHT SHAME!
THE VENDETTA IS OVER SIGNORE . WE CAN BE FRIENDS NOW, NO ?
MY PAPPY ALWAYS TOLD ME PURTY GIRLS WAS FOR KISSIN', NOT FOR SHOOTIN' AT. I ALWAYS DID WHAT MY PAPPY SAID!

WE WERE TOOK!

There are different theories as to how the Plains Indians got horses. What counts is that the horse changed the entire culture of the Plains Indians - from making warfare to hunting buffalo - from counting their wealth to visiting other areas. But in one respect the Indians followed almost every other people who came into contact with horses. They turned to horse racing and gambling'

One method of Indian horse racing was to start from a line and rush full speed at a tree, the one who first touched it being the winner. Another way was to rush at a heavy pole placed horizontally about six feet from the ground, resting on forks set firmly. If the rider stopped his horse an instant too soon or failed to touch the pole, he lost. Or, if an instant too late and the horse passed under the pole, leaving the rider dangling or thrown to the ground, he was also a loser.

A band of Indians under Mu-la-que-top once camped near Fort Chadbourne in Texas. They were frequent visitors, and also nuisances as they were constantly begging for different items. But they owned horses. Some of the officers had horses -- blood ones -- and they had been raced and timed down to the second. Finally Mu-la-que-top came to the point:

"Me want to race horse. Make bet."

The officers went into a huddle and Lieutenant Winston came up with an idea:

"We race our third best horse. If it wins, fine. If not, then we insist on a return race and use our second best horse. We can't lose in the long run."

It was agreed that the distance would be four hundred yards and it was measured outside the fort. The Indians bet robes and other items to the value of seventy-five dollars. The officers put up some cash, flour, sugar and other staples. At the appointed time all the Indians and most of the garrison turned out for the race. They were going to have some "fun" with the Indians.

The Indian entry was a miserable pony, with legs like churns, a three-inch coat of rough hair all over his body and a general expression of neglect that aroused pity in the hearts of the soldiers. His rider was a stalwart buck of one hundred and seventy pounds who looked big and strong enough to carry the poor animal on his shoulders. He was armed with a huge club instead of a whip or thong.

"Too bad we didn't bet more money," sighed Lieutenant Winston. "That horse will never leave the starting line."

One shot was fired and the two horses started down the "track." To the astonishment of all, the Indian won by a neck.

"A little more effort by our rider and we would have won," complained Captain Johnson. "Let's get back the losses. We race our second best horse And do it now."

There was a pow-wow and the Indians agreed to the second race with the bets doubled. The two horses lined up at the starting point. A shot was fired and both went down the track. Somehow that shaggy horse won again - by a neck!

"We can't let them go away and boast how they beat us," said Lieutenant Winston. "Our best horse will do the trick."

So, from the stable they took the prize horse, a Kentucky mare of true Lexington blood and known to beat the others at least forty yards in a four hundred. Never lost a race around the post. It took a little coaxing to get the Indians to run their horse against this pride of Kentucky. Everything the Indians owned went as bets.

A shot was fired and the two horses started down the course. The Indian threw away his club and gave a war yell. That Indian horse went like the wind. The last fifty yards of the course were run by that Indian horse with the Indian sitting face to the tail, making funny faces and telling the other horse to please hurry.

The officers paid off their bets. Then one uttered those famous words: "I think we were took."

There wasn't the slightest thing crooked about the entire episode. The Indians had only raced a famous horse well-known among all the tribes of the South. In fact, they had just returned from a visit to the Kickapoos in the Indian Nation with a lot of ponies they had won on a race!

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THE LIVE COWARD

THE JASCO BOYS WHO'D LONGROPED SOME CATTLE BELONGING TO JOE KEEN AND SAM CALDWELL PRODDED JOE INTO GOIN' FOR HIS OLD 44 S&W .. SAM CALDWELL'S WINCHESTER WAS IN THE SCABBARD AND HE DIDN'T OWN A HANDGUN BUT EVEN IF HE HAD ONE HE WAS TOO SCARED TO USE IT! HE LEAPED FOR HIS MUSTANG WITH JASCO LEAD FLYING PAST HIS EARS!

I GOT JOE KEEN.. GET THAT CHICKEN-LIVERED PARTNER 'O' HIS!

HE'S HARDER TA HIT THAN A SKEERED JACKRABBIT ON A FOGGY NIGHT!

BAM

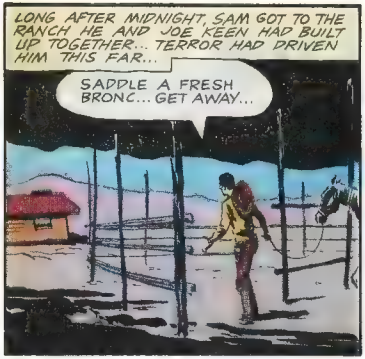
CRAK

B-945

GIDDAP! I'M A DEAD MAN IF THEY CATCH ME!

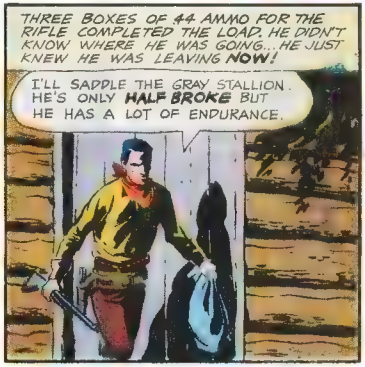
HE RAN HIS HORSE BOW-LEGGED.

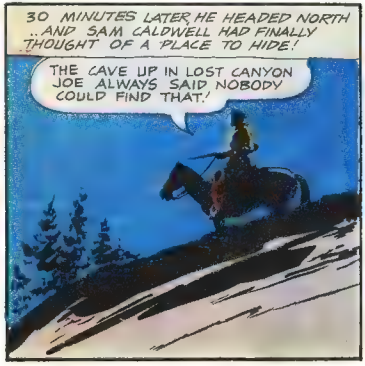
THEY'LL MURDER ME LIKE THEY DID POOR JOE KEEN!


LONG AFTER MIDNIGHT, SAM GOT TO THE RANCH HE AND JOE KEEN HAD BUILT UP TOGETHER... TERROR HAD DRIVEN HIM THIS FAR...
SADDLE A FRESH BRONC... GET AWAY...

THEY'RE MURDERERS... THEY'LL KILL ME ON SIGHT! I... I'M NO GUNFIGHTER!

THEY CAN HAVE THE RANCH... WHAT GOOD ARE A FEW HUNDRED STEERS AND A LOT OF GRAZE LAND TO A DEAD MAN? JOE KEEN'S SISTER CAN HAVE IT..

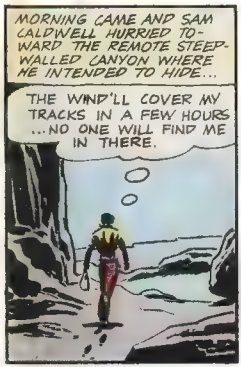

THREE BOXES OF 44 AMMO FOR THE RIFLE COMPLETED THE LOAD. HE DIDN'T KNOW WHERE HE WAS GOING... HE JUST KNEW HE WAS LEAVING NOW!
I'LL SADDLE THE GRAY STALLION. HE'S ONLY HALF BROKE BUT HE HAS A LOT OF ENDURANCE.


30 MINUTES LATER HE HEADED NORTH ..AND SAM CALDWELL HAD FINALLY THOUGHT OF A PLACE TO HIDE!
THE CAVE UP IN LOST CANYON JOE ALWAYS SAID NOBODY COULD FIND THAT.

HE MADE A DRY CAMP. AFRAID TO MAKE A FIRE... AFRAID, AFRAID, AFRAID!

THE JASCOS WILL GUN ME DOWN! I'M NOT EVEN SAFE *HERE!* AFTER I REST A FEW DAYS, I'LL HEAD FOR CALIFORNIA.
OWWWOOOO
OWWWOOO

I'M NO GUNFIGHTER ME 'AN JOE SHOULD'VE GOT OUT WHEN THEM JASCOS FIRST CAME AROUND!

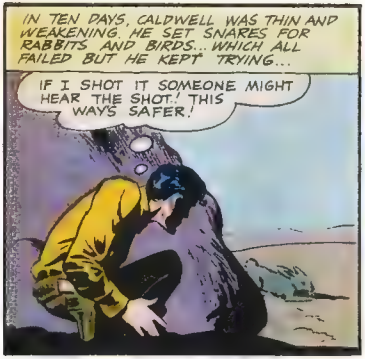

MORNING CAME AND SAM CALDWELL HURRIED TOWARD THE REMOTE STEEP-WALLED CANYON WHERE HE INTENDED TO HIDE...
THE WIND'LL COVER MY TRACKS IN A FEW HOURS ...NO ONE WILL FIND ME IN THERE.

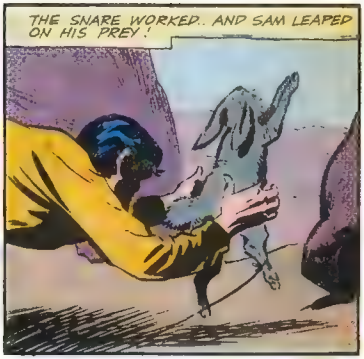
MAYBE I'LL BE SAFE HERE! BETTER N-NOT BUILD A FIRE, THOUGH CAN'T EVER TELL!

AT NIGHT HE WAS LIKE A WILD CREATURE. CROUCHED IN DARKNESS EARS TUNED TO EVERY TINY NIGHT-SOUND.

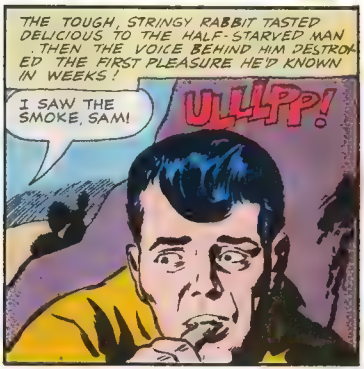
BERRIES AND DESERT FRUITS SUPPLIED MEAGER FOOD IN THE NEXT FEW DAYS...HE WAS LOSING WEIGHT...
IN A DAY OR TWO I'LL SNARE A RABBIT OR A PRAIRIE HEN AND MAKE A FIRE...

M-MAYBE I'D BETTER **NOT** THOUGH!


IN TEN DAYS, CALDWELL WAS THIN AND WEAKENING. HE SET SNARES FOR RABBITS AND BIRDS.. WHICH ALL FAILED BUT HE KEPT TRYING...
IF I SHOT IT SOMEONE MIGHT HEAR THE SHOT! THIS WAY'S SAFER!


THE SNARE WORKED.. AND SAM LEAPED ON HIS PREY!

S-SOMEONE MIGHT SEE THE SMOKE BUT I'LL DIE ANYWAY IF I DON'T EAT.. GOT TO TAKE THE CHANCE!


THE TOUGH, STRINGY RABBIT TASTED DELICIOUS TO THE HALF-STARVED MAN .THEN THE VOICE BEHIND HIM DESTROYED THE FIRST PLEASURE HE'D KNOWN IN WEEKS!
I SAW THE SMOKE, SAM!
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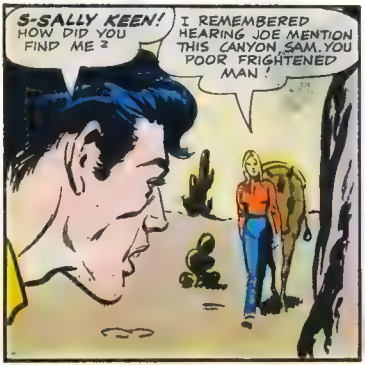
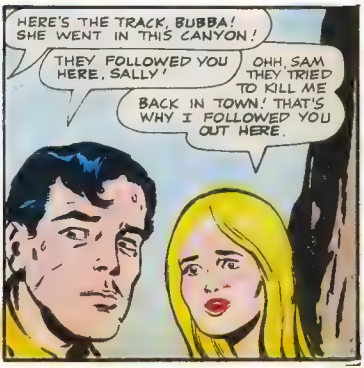

S-SALLY KEEN! HOW DID YOU FIND ME?
I REMEMBERED HEARING JOE MENTION THIS CANYON, SAM. YOU POOR FRIGHTENED MAN!


HERE'S THE TRACK, BUBBA! SHE WENT IN THIS CANYON!
THEY FOLLOWED YOU HERE, SALLY!
OHH, SAM THEY TRIED TO KILL ME BACK IN TOWN! THAT'S WHY I FOLLOWED YOU OUT HERE.

I'M A COWARD, SALLY! I CAN'T EVEN LOOK AFTER MYSELF LET ALONE PROTECT YOU!
OH, SAM... YOU'RE NOT A COWARD. I'LL HELP YOU FIGHT THOSE ANIMALS! I'VE GOT A RIFLE WITH ME!
GET INSIDE THE CAVE, SALLY! DON'T COME OUT TILL I CALL YA! I'LL FIX THAT PAIR... I SHOULD'VE DONE THIS BACK WHEN THEY SHOT JOE!
Y-YES, SAM! BE CAREFUL, PLEASE...
HIS HEART WAS HAMMERING BUT SAM CALDWELL KEPT GOING! THE GIRL IN THE CAVE DEPENDED ON HIM... HE KNEW HOW BRUTAL THESE KILLERS WOULD BE IF HE WENT DOWN! NOW, THE JASCOS SIGHTED HIM ...ONE FIRED... SAM KEPT WALKING!
THERE'S CALDWELL, THE COWARD! HE'S MY MEAT, BUBBA!
I GOT SEVEN SHELLS... THAT'S PLENTY!
BLAM
THAT'S ONE!
KRAKK!
BLAM BLAM
TWO!
BLAM
THEN...
SAM, DARLING... I WAS SO AFRAID YOU WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO FACE THEM!
YOU GAVE ME COURAGE, SALLY!
THE END

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